

*****January 27, 2020*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6:04 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Cheryl Graham
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

There being no comments, the meeting resumed.

State of the Town

Mayor Landrum presented a State of the Town for 2019 (copy attached). Mayor Landrum provided statistical information of many of the Town's departments and provided information on many of the projects the Town has undertaken in the last year and spoke about challenges the Town will face in the next few years.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S WATER FUND IN LIEU OF AD VALORUM TAX PAYMENTS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE TOWN FOR THE WATER SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 IN THE SUM OF \$33,491.00.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution with the removal of the words "Water Fund" in the second line of the 4th paragraph. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved as amended.

2. "A RESOLUTION BY THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTING BANK FORM RESOLUTIONS FOR SIGNATURES ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

Councilmember Graham made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION XI (K) OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PERSONNEL POLICY, RELATING TO NEPOTISM.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR A TERM OF SIXTY (60) MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 01, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

When asked, Mr. Veal explained that 2012 was the year that the current rate was established. He said since Tennessee American Water (TAW) is overseen by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission that TAW is not able to offer guaranteed rates, but that they have committed to try to keep the Town rate stable. Mr. Veal said a 1-year cancellation allowance had been added to the contract.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. There were two minor corrections on page 2 that did not affect the substance of the agreement. Councilmembers Lusk and Murdock withdrew the motion.

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the resolution with the changes to the agreement. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved as amended.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 2 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE, ENTITLED "DOGS AND CATS".

Councilmember Murdock made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Graham seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the first reading of the ordinance was approved.

Discussion

- a. Mid-Year Budget Amendment. Mr. Veal presented the Council with a draft of a budget amendment ordinance that will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda. Mayor Landrum said he believes that repair and maintenance costs for Town facilities will be increasing in the next fiscal year.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the February 10, 2020 meeting.

Other Business

Council discussed changing the regular meeting of May 25, 2020 to all day Special Budget Meeting on May 20, 2020. All present agreed. Mr. Veal will verify the availability of the Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Lusk said he would like to have a Special Meeting scheduled regarding short term rental. He asked that the Town invite the Town's State Representatives to see if the Town can be grandfathered in and obtain an exclusion to the new State law.

Mr. Veal reminded the Council of the Walden's Ridge Utility District (WRUD) Board meeting on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the issue of the interconnection.

Mayor Landrum asked the Town Attorney, Harry Cash, to investigate the ability for the Town to have on-line forums for Council discussions. He said he has received conflicting information from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office and the Municipal Technical Advisory Service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder